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SUBJECT: PRIVATE MEETING OF THE NAC MINISTERIAL

1. AT PERMREPS LUNCH DECEMBER 4 PECK (UK) RAISED SUBJECT OF PRIVATE MEETING OF NAC MINISTERIAL, COMMENTING THAT HE WANTED MINISTER OF STATE JULIAN AMERY TO BE PRESENT, IN ADDITION TO HIMSELF. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) AND SPIERENBURG (NETHERLANDS) MAINTAINED THAT LEAVING OUT POLITICAL DIRECTORS WOULD DIMINISH THE SUBSTANTIVE OUTCOME AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MEETING.

2. I REVIEWED THE RECORD ON THE U.S. SUGGESTION FOR A PRIVATE MEETING AND THE VARIOUS RESPONSES THAT HAD BEEN MADE TO IT AND SAID THAT IF EVERYONE NOW FELT THAT PERMREPS PLUS POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD TO BE PRESENT I WOULD WITHDRAW THE REQUEST FOR THE PRIVATE MEETING.

3. THERE WAS A GENERAL CHORUS TO THE EFFECT THAT THIS COULD NOT BE DONE BECAUSE ANYBODY COULD ASK FOR A RESTRICTED NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING. HOWEVER, LUNS ENDED THE DISCUSSION BY SAYING THAT HE WANTED IT LEFT WITH ATTENDANCE LIMITED TO MINISTERS PLUS PERMREPS PLUS JULIAN AMERY IN THE CASE OF THE UK, WITH MINISTERS AND PERMREPS BOTH SITTING AT THE TABLE.  
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LUNS SAID IT WAS UP TO HIM TO DECIDE. LUNS ADDED HE WOULD TALK WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER PERSONALLY ABOUT ADDING THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WHEN HE ARRIVES. (COMMENT: MOST ALLIES CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS SHOULD BE AT THE

MEETING WITH THE MINISTERS ALONE AT THE TABLE AND THE PERMREPS  
AND POLITICAL DIRECTORS SITTING BEHIND, BUT WITH LUNS PUSHING  
THEY WILL GO ALONG WITH ONE PLUS ONE.

4. DE ROSE (FRANCE) SAID IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHAT  
SECRETARY KISSINGER WANTED TO HAVE ON THE AGENDA OF THE  
PRIVATE MEETING.  
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